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Remarks

Claims 1, 4-8, and 12-21 are pending.

Claims 6-8 have been allowed.

Claims 13-15, 17, 18, and 21 have been written in independent form in response to the Examiner's indication that these claims would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Each of claims 19 and 20 incorporates the features of claim 18 and therefore is patentable for at least the same reasons.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 4 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. The elements of claim 4 have been incorporated into independent claim 1, placing claim 1 in condition for allowance. Each of claims 5, 12, and 16 incorporates the features of independent claim 1 and therefore is patentable for at least the same reasons.

For the reasons explained above, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and should be allowed.

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